

Rain and Colder Tonight;  
Possibly Snow Tomorrow.

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## NEW POSTOFFICE FOR CAPITAL CITY TO COST \$3,500,000

Plan Involving a Large Appropriation to Be Submitted Friday.

## HOPE TO CONVINCE IT MEANS ECONOMY

Department May Share in Largest Building of Kind in World.

Washington has decided to ask Congress for a postoffice building to cost \$3,500,000.

Postmaster Charles P. Grandfield and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury C. D. Hillis will appear before the House Committee on Public Buildings, and Grounds Friday of this week to submit plans for a building to cost that amount.

If Congress adopts the plans, the National Capital shortly will have the largest and costliest postoffice building in the United States, if not in the world.

Whether the desired appropriation will be forthcoming will depend, in the first place, upon whether it is decided to report a public buildings bill this year, and in the second place, whether the committee can be convinced that Washington needs a building costing \$3,500,000.

Regarding the first condition, it is extremely likely that the committee will decide as to whether it will report a bill not later than March first.

As to the second, Mr. Grandfield and Mr. Hillis are confident that the committee will be persuaded they should adopt the plans which are to be submitted to them.

The plans have been prepared by D. H. Burnham & Co., architects, of Chicago, which drew those for the Union Station.

It is learned that the fight to be made for the heavy appropriation will be based upon the ground that the building should have an architectural make-up which will be in keeping with Union station, which it would adjoin on the southwest.

This, however, is only one argument which will be advanced. It will be pointed out that space has been provided for in the building, which will be turned over to the exclusive use of the postoffice department. This would enable the department to discontinue renting certain quarters, which, it is estimated, will produce an annual saving to the Government of not less than \$100,000.

Mr. Grandfield and Mr. Hillis are going before the committee Friday fortified with data of every sort tending to show that it will be an economical investment for the Government to erect a building of this size and character.

The building will be constructed of marble. It will cover an area of about 50,000 square feet of ground, which was donated by the Government at a cost of \$200,000. It is intended to have the building connected with Union Station by a bridge, so that the mails may be brought overhead.

Design Is Unique.

If the Chicago firm's plans are adopted, the building will be of an unusual design. It will be one-story high in front, but will have six stories in the rear.

According to the space allotment, which has been decided upon, one floor in the rear will be given to the dead letter office; another to the repair of (Continued on Second Page.)

## WEATHER REPORT.

The cold wave in the West has increased in intensity, and it has spread eastward over the upper Mississippi valley and the upper Lake region, and southward to Tennessee and northern Texas. The temperature is below zero throughout the Northwestern States and the northern mountain region, and it is from 20 to 25 degrees below zero in the region immediately north of Montana and North Dakota. High temperature continues in the Eastern and Southern States, along the west Gulf coast and in Tennessee and the Ohio valley. The cold wave that is now over southern Texas will move eastward and cause general precipitation within the next thirty-six hours in the States east of the Mississippi river. There will be rain, turning to snow in the middle Atlantic and north Atlantic States, the Ohio valley, Tennessee and the northern portions of Mississippi and Alabama.

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FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Rain and colder tonight. Thursday, rain or snow and much colder; minimum temperature tonight, about 24 degrees; moderate to brisk northwesterly, shifting to northerly winds Thursday.

TEMPERATURE.  
8 a. m. .... 46  
9 a. m. .... 48  
10 a. m. .... 52  
11 a. m. .... 57  
12 noon .... 63  
1 p. m. .... 65  
2 p. m. .... 64

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises ..... 6:51  
Sun sets ..... 5:36

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—High tide, 12:45 a. m. and 1:17 p. m. Low tide, 7:12 a. m. and 8:10 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 1:41 a. m. and 2:15 p. m. Low tide, 8:10 a. m. and 9:06 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.  
HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Feb. 16.—Both rivers clear this a. m.

## FOURTEEN INDIAN BRAVES VISIT THE GREAT FATHER

Enter Protest Against Opening Reservation in Montana, But Forget to Present War Shirt Which Was Intended for the President.

Fourteen braves of the Crow tribe of Indians, from their reservation in Montana, left the White House today, happy that they had shaken hands with the Great White Father and had heard him speak.

However, mingled with their happiness, there was a touch of disappointment in that "White-Man-Runs-Him," the veteran in the party, and who was one of Custer's scouts during his "last stand," had been delegated to present a war shirt, of elaborate and picturesque pattern, to the President, but at the crucial moment failed to do so.

Whether the old chief thought it was useless to make the presentation after seeing the size of the President, or simply because he just naturally lost his nerve is a puzzling question. It is considered likely that the size had something to do with it because the shirt, at a distance, looked like it would have been tight for even the slender Secretary of the Interior. At any rate the President lost a chance to become the possessor of a piece of rare Indian workmanship.

The Crow delegation was accompanied to the White House by Commissioner of the Indian Bureau Valentine and General Indian Supervisor E. P. Holcombe. The delegation is in Washington relative to a bill introduced by Senator Dixon of Montana, providing for the opening of the Crow reservation to settlers. The delegation is bitterly opposed to the measure, and yesterday the braves appeared before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to enter their protests.

There are nearly 2,000,000 acres in the reservation, and according to the argument offered in the bill, the Indians, only a small percentage of the 1,500,000 acres of the reservation opened to settlers six years ago, has been disposed of, and it is considered useless to throw any more of this land on the market.

Those in the delegation are: White-Man-Runs-Him, Curley, who is also said to have been one of Custer's scouts; Joseph, Frank Stately, Hodiak, The Enemy, Rosend, Farrell, Spotted Rabbit, Plain Owl, Morris Schaffer, George Hogan, Tom Medicine Horse, George Long Bear, and Sees With His ears, and Packs The Hat.

## SCORES WOUNDED IN GERMAN RIOTS

Socialists Make Demonstration Against Prussian Franchise Bill.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—Scores of persons were wounded today in a socialist riot at Neumunster, where troops with fixed bayonets charged the rioters.

Disparages from Cassel said that serious riots also occurred there, the police fighting with the socialist gathering for more than an hour.

The socialist demonstrations were in protest against the new Prussian government's franchise bill, and were an aftermath of Sunday's demonstration, when fights occurred in half a hundred German towns.

The franchise bill which the socialists oppose retains the "three class system," whereby electors are divided according to the amount of taxes they pay, but it provides that officers and other members of the educated classes are to be placed in the first and second classes, irrespective of the amount of their taxes. Direct instead of indirect voting is also provided for in the bill. The radicals have joined with the socialists in opposition to the bill.

## FAVORABLE REPORT ON DISTRICT BILLS

Committee Approves Military Road Extension and Highway Plan.

The House District Committee at its regular meeting today ordered a favorable report on two District of Columbia bills.

They were: 20164, authorizing the Commissioners to condemn such land as may be necessary to extend Military road northwest through parcel 8717 and parcel 8716, with a width not to exceed seventy-five feet; 1832, authorizing the Commissioners to institute proceedings to acquire land for street purposes and the furtherance of the permanent system of highways, in event the owners of such tracts refuse or fail to dedicate the streets or highways laid down on the permanent highway plan.

The latter bill provides for the general condemnation of streets or parts of streets whenever found to be necessary for the carrying out of the District system of permanent highways.

## HOPES FOR THE NINA DASHED BY REPORT

Vessel Sighted Is Not the Missing Tug—No Encouragement Received.

The hopes aroused by the report that the missing tug Nina had been sighted off Montauk Point by the steamer Bay View, heading for Boston, were dashed today by a report received from Boston saying that the missing vessel was not the Nina, but the naval tug Apache which was searching for her.

There is now little doubt that the Nina has gone down. If she were still afloat and making headway it is probable that she would have been picked up by the searching vessels before this. The destroyer Lamson reported by way of Boston today having searched for the missing tug.

LOUD GETS SUPPORT.  
President Taft was asked today to appoint Gen. George B. Loud to succeed N. M. Curtis as Inspector of the National Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. In the interest of General Loud, Representatives Bennett and Goulden of New York talked with the President today.

## HOYT'S TESTIMONY MAY BE SENSATION

Likely to Touch on Officials Outside Interior Department.

The Ballinger investigation was resumed this afternoon, with Louis R. Glavis, chief prosecuting witness, said today according to J. J. Verrees, counsel for Secretary Ballinger.

Counsel for Glavis regard the cross-examination of Glavis as unimportant. They expect to develop sensational testimony when Henry M. Hoyt, Attorney General for Porto Rico, takes the witness stand. Hoyt is familiar with a considerable portion of the evidence collected by Glavis, and with his dissatisfaction because of the attitude of the Interior Department. It was Hoyt who induced Glavis to present his case to Attorney General Wickham.

Louis Brandeis, counsel for Glavis, today expressed the opinion that Hoyt would corroborate Glavis in every detail. It is learned that Hoyt's testimony may develop more than one sensation, and will deal not only with the evidence developed by Glavis in every detail, but also with Administration officials outside of the Interior Department. For this reason the prosecution regards the Hoyt testimony as second in importance only to that of Glavis himself.

## KINSMAN OF DAVIS IS DEAD IN SOUTH

Brother-in-Law of President Finley and of Senator Chamberlain.

Word has been received here by President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, of the sudden death of his brother-in-law, Alfred Vidal Davis, at his plantation, near Natchez, Miss., yesterday. Dispatches from Natchez said Mr. Davis killed himself by firing a load of buckshot into his breast, but President Finley said that, according to his advice, death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Davis was also a brother-in-law of Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, and was widely known in his section of Mississippi. His family has taken an active part in the affairs of that State for generations, his father being a kinsman of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. Mr. Davis was a planter of considerable means. He is survived by a son and four daughters.

## LYNCHING FEARED AS TRIAL GOES ON

Court Orders Officers to Shoot on Sign of Trouble.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Feb. 16.—Fearing an attempt to lynch Arch King, a negro, whose trial on a charge of attacking Katherine Trammel, a fourteen-year-old girl, was begun here today, Judge Gilbert ordered court attendants to shoot any man who attempted to force his way into the court room.

The trial is being conducted behind closed doors, and every entrance is heavily guarded.

A big crowd is gathered outside the court house, and threats are being made to raid the court house and lynch King.

INQUIRY PROPOSED  
FOR WALL STREET  
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Wall Street is to feel the legislative probe if Assemblyman Frederick R. Toombs, of New York has his way. On Monday he will introduce the investigating resolution.

## PARIS THREATENED WITH FLOOD AGAIN

Seine Is Rising and May Reach Stage of Two Weeks Ago.

## HUNDREDS DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES

Enforced Idleness of Industries Brings Want to Laborers.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—The flood situation in Paris and its suburbs again assumed a serious aspect today, forcing a second evacuation of the houses in Alfortville and other of the suburbs and undoing a large part of the repair work that had been done since the former crisis was passed.

A further rise of four or five feet in the Seine is predicted as a result of the general rains and the swollen headwaters of the stream and the authorities do not conceal their fear that the new flood crest may equal, if not surpass, that of two weeks ago.

The stage of the Seine at the Pont d'Austerlitz today was 19 feet and 5 inches and it will undoubtedly go to 24 feet by tomorrow, or within four feet of the recent maximum stage.

Clear skies today give some hope of avoiding a repetition of the former disaster, but the reports from other parts of France are not encouraging.

Grenelle and Javel have been reflooded and conditions in these sections are almost as bad as formerly. One of the worst features of the new spread of water is that it will make it necessary again to disinfest a large part of the city.

Hundreds of poor are again flocking into the city, the water having driven them from their homes. Many of these had begun the work of refurnishing their homes, through their own and the government's efforts, and the second loss will fall with unusual severity.

The prolonged closing of the hundreds of factories along the Seine has increased the industrial stagnation and hundreds of workmen, who hitherto have not applied for aid, are now being forced to do so. Another month of idleness is ahead of most of the factorymen.

## "WHAT IS WHISKY?" STILL DISCUSSED

Three Cabinet Officers and Dozen Others Busy With Regulations.

The formulation of regulations to conform to the President's ruling on the "what is whisky?" decision is occupying three Cabinet officers and several dozen subordinates today.

## BALL MAGNATE'S SON SHOT BY A FOOTPAD

Carl Rogers Closes With Assaultant in Philadelphia Suburb.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—In an encounter with a highwayman who today attempted to hold him up, Carl Rogers, son of Col. John I. Rogers, former baseball magnate, was shot and painfully wounded in Wynote, a suburb.

Directly in front of his home a masked man jumped from behind a tree and pointed a revolver, ordered Rogers to throw up his hands. Rogers, an athlete, sprang at the highwayman, clashing his fist with the throat. The latter pulled the trigger, the bullet going through the fleshy part of Rogers' side. The robber then made his escape.

## DERELICT DESTROYER RESCUES SCHOONER

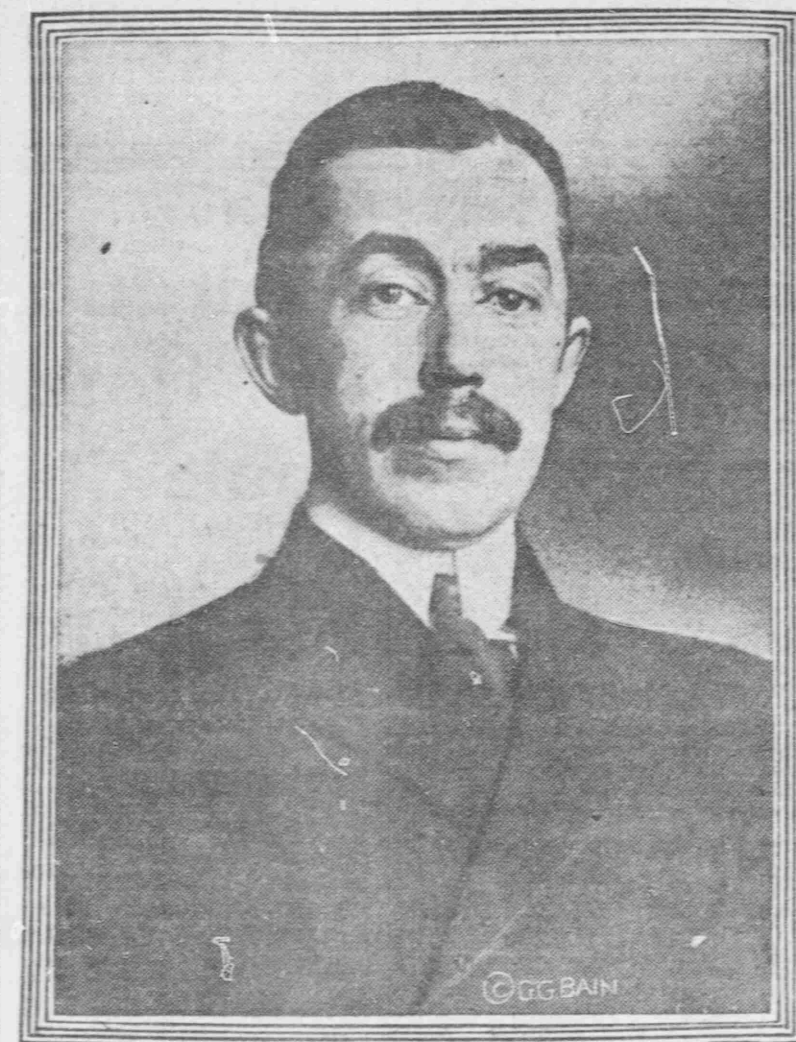
Disabled and heavily laden with lumber, the little schooner Sadie C. Sumner, of Thomaston, Me., has just been brought into port at Lynnhaven Bay, Va., according to a wireless dispatch received today at the Treasury Department from the Derelict Destroyer Seneca, which accomplished the rescue of the vessel.

## FUNERAL ARRANGED FOR WILLIAM CATON

The funeral of William Caton, driver of No. 18 fire engine company, who was thrown from his seat and instantly killed while responding to an alarm Monday night, will be held at the house tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, after which services will be conducted at the Holy Name Church. Interment will be made in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

The pallbearers will be Capt. T. D. McLane, Lieut. D. H. Zirkle, Engineer E. L. Hunt, Assistant Engineer H. J. Burns, Assistant Driver J. Bentley, all of No. 18 engine company, and James Creamer, of No. 3 engine company. A detail of sixty men, under Battalion Chief Proctor, will attend the services.

## Jolts Empire State Machine



FREDERICK H. BUGHER,  
Acting Commissioner of Police, Who Will Be Appointed Surveyor of Port of New York.

## WILL NAME BUGHER SURVEYOR OF PORT BILL INTRODUCED TO PROMOTE PEARY

Millionaire Toiler in New York Police Department to Succeed Clarkson.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Acting Commissioner Frederick H. Bugher will succeed General Clarkson as surveyor of the port of New York.

Republican politicians who have conversed with the in the confidence of President Taft and who saw him while he was here on his recent visit say the President will name Mr. Bugher in time to take the place when General Clarkson retires. This, it is said, will be about April 1.

The fact that the matter is settled will be a relief, also something of a heartache to the machine politicians who have been urging that the appointment go to the party here in the State. That party has been pointed out, has always been considered along with that of collector, as a part of the spoils of office that belonged to the State organization.

In the case of General Clarkson there was an exception, but although he was a Republican, he was a member of the E. Republican national committee, and had been its chairman in the last Harrison campaign. He was a great friend of Senator Platt and of Senator Depew.

The giving of the office to Clarkson was not considered as putting it beyond the control of the organization. That this was the correct view to take of it was evidenced by the numerous machine appointments of General Clarkson.

The appointment, however, of Mr. Bugher to the place is a horse of a different color. He is not identified with the party to the extent of being considered a part of it by the Woodruff-Barnes machine of the State.

Mr. Bugher's record as first deputy in the Police Department of the city has been of a kind that has made those who have been advocating him for the vacancy caused by the resignation of General Clarkson, proud of him.

Mr. Bugher was thirty-three years old when Commissioner Bingham offered him a place as deputy commissioner. When the commissioner was removed by the Board of Police Commissioners, he resigned to give Commissioner Baker a free hand. The new commissioner knew that he was going to be a part of the department of the lakes, will be named to succeed General Wood as commander of the department of the east.

## BOARD WILL REPORT ON RELIEF BILL

Commissioners Name Committee to Investigate Proposed Legislation of District.

In board session today the Commissioners appointed Auditor Tweeddale, Major Sylvester, and Chief Wagner, of the Fire Department, a committee to report on the bill introduced by Senator Burkett providing for the creation of a police and firemen's relief fund, and the retirement of the members of the police and fire departments.

Officers and members of the Fire Department, who have become permanently disabled in the line of duty or who, after serving fifteen years, become permanently disabled from any cause, are entitled to the benefits of the fund.

DESPONDENT GIRL  
JUMPS FROM ROOF  
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Jennie Kekolasky, eighteen year old, despondent over a unhappy love affair, committed suicide today by jumping from the roof of a six-story tenement house.

## TAFT, IN ALARM, CALLS SENATORS FOR CONFERENCE

Fears for Fate of White House Legislative Program.

## SENATE OPPOSED TO MANY MEASURES

Root Amendment, Statehood Bill, and Others Perhaps in Danger.

By JOHN SNURE.

President Taft has been informed that much of the legislation he has been urging on Congress is in danger and today there were hurry calls to the White House for a number of Senators in consequence.

The President has been told that the Alaska legislative bill cannot pass Congress and that the Senate will not stand for the Root amendment to the postal savings bank bill and will turn it down.

LUKEWARM ON STATEHOOD BILL.  
The Root amendment embodies the proposition the President supported in his New York speech and provides in effect that the money collected in the postal savings banks shall be invested in Government 2 per cent bonds.

The Statehood bill, the President has also been told, is received with such lukewarmness in Congress, especially in the Senate, that it has proven impossible lately to get a quorum of the Senate Territories Committee together to consider it.

President Alarmed.  
The President is becoming alarmed about the shape into which the legislation he wants is getting. He is beginning to wonder whether the assurances he has received from the leaders that his bill will be put through are entitled to be regarded with entire confidence, and whether the end of the session is not likely to witness the placing on the statute books of little or nothing of the important measures he has urged. Bright and early today the President called in Senator Carter, who has charge of the postal savings bank bill, and Senator Beveridge, who has charge of the bill to provide for a governor and council in Alaska and the Statehood bill. The President wanted to know why it was that the postal savings bill and the Alaska and Statehood bills could not be pushed through.

President Gets Information.  
Just what took place is not disclosed, but there is good reason to believe the President was told of the storm of objection the Alaska bill has stirred up of the fact that the majority of the Senate would not stand for the proposition to take the postal savings bank funds out of the localities where collected, and of the lukewarm feeling in the Senate on Statehood.

The outcome was that Senator Beveridge agreed to give way with the Alaska bill in the Senate so that Senator Carter would be enabled to go ahead with the postal savings bill. Senator Carter thought this would enable him to get a vote on the postal savings bill this week.

On leaving the White House, Senator Carter said the Root amendment to the postal savings bank bill would be beaten in the Senate and that the bill would pass the Senate.

Fate In House In Doubt.  
He would not predict what would happen to the bill in the House or whether the President would sign it. But it is understood that the President will not veto it if the Root amendment is omitted, although he has strongly urged it.

As to the Alaska bill, the fight on it, stirred up by Delegate Wickersham and others, is based on the ground that the effect of it would be to enable the Guggenheims to get their grip sold on the minerals and railroads of the Territory.

The President sent for Senator Borah, who is one of the strong opponents of the bill to try to mitigate his opposition. Other Senators who oppose the bill will be called in. Senator Beveridge will try to press the Statehood bill to final disposition in his committee.

Speeches to Be Made.  
Probably half a dozen important speeches will be delivered for and against the postal savings bank bill in the Senate before that measure comes to a vote. It is not now believed, despite Senator Carter's prediction today, that a vote will be taken before the middle of the next week as Senator Carter will not press the Senate for its verdict until all Senators have had an opportunity to address the body.

Senator Bailey is preparing an address attacking the constitutionality of the bill, as it stands at present. He returned this morning from South Carolina, and it was stated at his office that he would hardly be prepared to speak on the postal savings bill before the first of next week. Then Senator Owen has announced that he will attack the measure, and Senator Root probably will speak at some length to his amendment which he designed with the purpose of making the bill constitutional.

It is stated also that Senators Dilliver and Cummings will discuss the measure. Then Senator Heyburn will insist upon being heard on some of the proposed amendments.

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